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Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

We are looking forward to your
Conference on February 25 at 2:15. I will have
some one call for you that afternoon at 1:30.

Mrs. Rose was here yesterday afternoon
and gave us a beautiful picture of the Sacred
Heart. I appreciate her thoughtfulness. Her
charity seems boundless.

Thank you for remembering us in your
prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Heart of Christ,

Sister Ann Raymond

From Maria Polk.

Friday morning II. 18. 49

Reverend, dear Father Aloysius.

I have to confess to you about my great weakness. I keep telling Our dear Lord often, but especially during moments of consolations that I am ready to do his holy will and to suffer anything he wants me to. And when he offers me the opportunity, I fail him; like this morning. When my son criticized the breakfast I had fixed for him to the loss of my ability, etc. I was almost entirely unable to hide that my feelings were hurt, although, since your last talk to us I have been telling myself: I must hide everything that is unpleasant to me; Father wants me to do that. This event this morning is just an example, but it struck me with such remorse and sorrow, like never before. I felt like a little worm crawling at the feet of Our Lord. After a while or rather, after Holy Communion I realized

that this was a grace my dear Lord gave me, to keep me humble. I could feel so much more sorrow for my sins, and made the Stations with a greater devotion and love for Our Lord. By the way, I offer the Stations up especially for you, Terese Neuman and for the many holy souls in Europe that suffer from persecution; besides offering my Masses and Holy Communion many times.

I was able to spend a beautiful hour with Our Lord, at the Plaza last Sunday morning from 4-5 A.M. with my husband; after which we stayed for Mass & Holy Communion at 5. Your prayers seem to be helping my husband a little. Thank you and thank God.

I am looking forward anxiously to your next talk at our meeting next Wednesday; we need your inspiration greatly.

Our Lord is giving me more chances to suffer physically for him; I hope I will learn to bear mental suffering as well as physical! Please pray for me!

I found the wisest inspiration in my "little flower" book which I will pass on to the Lucia as soon as possible. With much kind regards I am through the Immaculate Heart of Mary your devoted daughter Maria

Saint Patrick Academy
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J.M.J.

Feb. 23, 1949.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
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Rev. dear Father:

This letter will be just a short "S.O.S" asking your prayers and your kindness in offering some Masses for my own and other special intentions. If you cannot say the Masses on the dates requested, kindly say them whenever convenient for you.

I trust that you are well. I am certain that you must be very busy.

As for myself, perhaps the least said, the better. Things have not been going with me; I am trying to carry on and to confide all to Him. I would give anything to be able to recapture the spirit of complete abandonment and filial confidence in Him which I enjoyed the summer before last. There is much that I could not write and no doubt, it is better so. Please ask Him to give me the grace to accept all as He wishes and to derive the benefit He wishes from it all. I count on your prayers. You are constantly remembered in mine and I trust that our dear Lord is giving you the grace to continue to draw souls closer and closer to Him. Asking your blessing, I remain

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

Thursday, III. 2. 1949

Reverend, dear Father Aloysius,

May I address you very humbly this morning please? I have finished typing the minutes of our last 2 meetings and so I found an excuse to write you a few lines and to let you know, that with Gods grace, & your prayers I'm trying very hard to do Gods will in everything and I find myself loving him more strongly every day and have more and more desire to be with him in the Blessed Sacrament. I feel such a longing for him - often. -

May I tell you of a most beautiful visit I had by Our dear Lord in the most peculiar place? On the 22. of Feb. I was on my way to the Council Meeting on the Bus when I felt as though my dear Lord was calling me from within.

Every time I recommend you to Our Lady or Our Lord I find myself doing the same for Sister Neumann.

me, to let me know, that he was
here. I was made extremely happy,
that I felt like telling everybody around
me, about it. I wanted to sigh with
delight and could only say O I thank
your dear Lord and I adore you.
During the next 2 hours in the
meeting I could feel him several
times reminding me ever so gently
and patiently that he was still
here. — That evening I had a strong
desire to spend an hour with
him during the night, but I was
physically unable.

I must tell you that this
wonderful day followed an evening
on which I felt I had displeased
Our Lord through my husbands
actions. It seemed as though he wanted
to show me that he was not displeased
with me. Yet I shall try never to
do anything against his holy will.
Now, may I tell you that I remember
your intentions in all my prayers &
sacrifices. With most kind regards
through the Imm. Heart of Mary I remain
your very obedient daughter
Maria

I have not heard from Lewis Newman, I send her couplets for which she
wished an answer; you may have them any time you wish.
The Alder Menno we brought home, are all
I have not heard from Lewis Newman, I send her couplets for which she
can get answers.